

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2004

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CHAIRMAN: KEN ALLEN
VICE CHAIRMAN: MARION WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATOR: ANNA HUBBARD CATON
COUNTY ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL: JEAN MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,
MICKEY ROGERS, CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, KEN ALLEN,
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Cathy Frye-Long, Veteran's Affairs – was unable to make presentation.

Ms. Joan Flail, Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence – spoke in place of Ellen Hamilton. Ms. Flail advised she is the Shelter Program Director and then proceeded to update Council on the progress for Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She ended her presentation noting that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and she thanked Council for their support throughout the years and asked for their continued support of Pee Dee Coalition. Information was distributed to Council members.

Mr. Ken Allen, Chairman, thanked Ms. Flail for her presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the minutes of September 9, 2004. Vote in favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Edmond Blue, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, Ms. Corrie Plato. Abstained: Dr. Carolyn Prince and Mrs. Mickey Rogers. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 586 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE MARLBORO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION – THIRD READING

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the Third reading of Ordinance # 586 – An Ordinance to establish the Marlboro County Parks and Recreation Commission. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 501B – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOBILE HOME REGULATIONS AND LICENSING IN MARLBORO COUNTY – FIRST READING

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright approving the First Reading of Ordinance # 501B – An Ordinance to amend the Mobile Home Regulations and Licensing in Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 587 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE – FIRST READING

Mrs. Anna Caton, County Administrator explained this is the same property the County agreed to convey to the Pee Dee Transportation Authority for a terminal several years ago. She advised the City of Bennettsville was awarded Opportunity Grant. Under the grant, the County agreed to donate this property for a Visitors Center. She noted three readings plus a Public Hearing are required for land conveyance. A reversionary clause will be included in the deed noting that if the center is not built, the land reverts back to County.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the first reading of Ordinance # 587 – An Ordinance to approve the conveyance of Real Property to the City of Bennettsville. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 545A – AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF MARLBORO COUNTY – FIRST READING

Motion was made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright approving the first reading of Ordinance # 545A – An Ordinance to revise the Zoning Ordinance of Marlboro County. Vote in favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Edmond Blue, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, Mr. Marion Wright, Dr. Carolyn Prince & Ms. Corrie Plato. Abstained: Mrs. Mickey Rogers. Motion Carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST OF TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT SERVICES.

Mrs. Anna Caton advised she received a written request from Ms. Janice Rozier of Tri County Mental Health to County consider an amendment to the agreement pertaining to the Mental Health Court Services Grant. She explained the purpose of this amendment is to allow Tri-County to bill either Medicaid or Medicare for services once the individual is released from Marlboro County's custody. Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney, advised that he was unclear of where the funds were to come from, however, he found the memo satisfactory. Mrs. Caton advised that the funds would be Grant funds that would be accessed via the internet and she noted the amendment would be clarified in writing no general funds are obligated under this agreement.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to add the amendment about no general funds being obligated to the Agenda. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the amendment to the Mental Health Court Services Grant agreement with Tri County Mental Health. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION OF #04-09-01 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNATURE OF WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 04-01 (AMENDMENT #1) FOR APRON RESEALING AND MARKING (GRANT FUNDS)

A motion was made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving Resolution #04-09-01 – A Resolution to authorize the signature of work authorization No. 04-01 (Amendment #1) for Apron resealing and Marking (Grant Funds). Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESEOLUTION # 04-09-02 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNATURE OF WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 04-02 (AMENDMENT # 1) FOR RUNWAY LIGHT CABLE REPLACEMENT (GRANT FUNDS).

A Motion was made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving Resolution # 04-09-02 – A Resolution to authorize the signature of work authorization No.

04-02 (Amendment #1) for Runway Light Cable Replacement (Grant Funds). Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ETV FOR MARLBORO COUNTY

Mrs. Anna Caton discussed briefly.

A motion was made by Mickey Rogers, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato approving the Proclamation to recognize the Importance of ETV for Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATION TO DOC FOR CDBG RAILROAD UPGRADE FUNDING.

Discussed in Worksession. The County agrees to pay \$279,725.00 to the South Carolina Department of Commerce and South Carolina Department of Commerce agrees the county has fulfilled it's obligation for payment under grant # 3-N-87-034 upon receipt of the \$279,725.00.

A Motion was made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving acceptance of the agreement negotiated between the County Administrator and the Department of Commerce for final settlement of the County's obligation to DOC for CDBG Railroad Upgrade Funding. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (GRANT FUNDS)

Mrs. Anna Caton discussed briefly. Dr. Prince requested that addresses of Vendors be shown on future tabulations. Mrs. Caton agreed to advise staff.

EQUIPMENT TRAILER – Bids received were Brad's Truck Accessory & Trailer Sales: \$5907.00 + Additional \$100 for Delivery, Pro Pac: \$7500.00 (Delivery Included), Carolina Trailers: No Bid, Trail Eze Trailers: No Bid, Transport Equipment, Inc.: No Bid, ARAMSCO: No Bid.

Staff recommended Brad's Truck Accessory & Trailer Sales in the amount of \$5907.00 plus \$100.00 for Delivery.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the bid for the Equipment Trailer to Brad's Truck Accessory & Trailer Sales for \$5907.00 plus \$100.00 Additional for Delivery. Vote in Favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Edmond Blue, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Ms. Corrie Plato. Abstained: Mrs. Mickey Rogers. Motion Carried.

DRAGGER CHIPPER (a piece of equipment that reads the levels of airborne chemicals in a building). – Bids received were AMAMSCO: \$4291.93, Safety Plus: \$3853.30, and Wally's: \$3818.00.

Staff recommended Wally's in the amount of \$3818.00.

A Motion was made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the bid for the Dragger Chipper to Wall's in the amount of \$3818.00. Vote in Favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Edmond Blue, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, Mr. Marion Wright, Dr. Carolyn Prince and Ms. Corrie Plato. Abstained: Mrs. Mickey Rogers. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A Motion was made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Legal issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean to leave Executive Session and re-enter Open Session. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Ken Allen, Chairman advised that no motions had been made, no votes had been taken.

APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mrs. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve the appointment of Mr. Jackie Branch to the Marlboro County Recreation Commission to serve District 3 for the term which will expire December 31, 2008. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Edmond Blue, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the appointment of Mrs. Cathy Gardner to the Marlboro County Recreation Commission to serve District 7 for the term which will expire as of December 31, 2006. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – ANNA HUBBARD CATON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Caton Presented the Administrative/Financial Report.

Expenditures are at 26% through the 30th of September.

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The Federal Emergency Management Team (FEMA) is in Clio for three (3) days to take claims from citizens affected by the recent storms and tornados.

The Bennettsville Chamber and Bennettsville Downtown Development Association has requested using Courthouse grounds for a Christmas Extravaganza on December 4th, which is a Saturday. They will have singing groups and various activities. They have agreed to be responsible for the grounds, provide liability and clean up after the activities. Council was agreeable.

The painting has been completed at the Airport for the Hangars. A bid was presented for painting of the roof for \$3200 for Council's information only. Council agreed to table until it is known if there will be any funds available.

The survey has been completed for the Convenience Center to be located in the McColl/Clio area.

Mike Bessant, Waste Management is working on a proposal for the Transfer Station to be located in the Wallace area. A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Jean McLean, Mr. Jeff Quick and Mrs. Anna Caton to work with Mr. Bessant on the details.

Mr. Billy Weatherly, Tax Assessor has forwarded information to Smith Data to compile tax notices for the county. No major increases in values are expected.

Health Insurance premiums will increase again in January. It is estimated this will cost the County approximately \$45,000 the last six (6) months of the fiscal year.

Council was advised that the November Council meeting falls on Veterans Day, November 11th Which is a County holiday. It was agreed that the Council meeting would be held on the 11th and that Mrs. Caton and Mrs. Rivers could take their holiday at their discretion.

Council was advised that the first holiday of 2005 (New Years) falls on a Saturday. It is normal policy to take the Friday preceding the holiday, but the Friday before is the 31st of December which is the last day for citizens to pay taxes this calendar year. It was suggested that this holiday be observed on Monday, January 3rd – Council approved this change.

Myrna Gaddy, the Consultant who was hired to determine if it is feasible to raise enough funds to build the proposed library has been in Bennettsville gathering information.

The Health Care Services for the Marlboro County Detention Center is anticipated to be implemented by November 1st. The Health care Services group requested an exam table with stirrups. Marlboro Park Hospital and Dr. Cain donated a used exam table.

Recognition was given to Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director and his department for their work in Clio with the cleanup after the Tornados. Mrs. Caton noted Mr. Wallace and his crew did an excellent job.

Humane Society is still in need. Mrs. Caton advised that Mrs. Tennant stated that she did have Liability Insurance and that she has concerns with our form of euthanization. Mrs. Tennant prefers injections. She would like to be able to give injections herself, however, this must go through the County or a municipality.

Staff is still working on getting the Siren on top of the Administration Building refurbished. They are investigating grant opportunities for the purchase of new sirens.

Council was advised that the Employee Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27th at the Bennettsville Community Center from 11:30 until 2:00 pm.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST

Pam Jackson, a citizen from the Wallace area spoke to Council concerning the rescue squad. Ms. Jackson stated that she felt there is still a need for a paramedic in this area. She had another situation with her son recently, and the squad took a long time to respond. She said that MarlboroRescue had to pull their truck from the area due to an overload of calls.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mrs. Jean McLean passed out invitations to fellow Council members for an event to be held at the Bennettsville Community Center in honor of Congressman Spratt.

Mrs. Mickey Rogers stated that a citizen, Dudley Beaty, III (Dentist) was concerned because no one had been hired for the Economic Development Director's position. Mrs. Caton advised that the position had not been filled due to a financial obligation in Mr. Foster's contract. Ms. Caton explained that a search committee is being formed to fill the position.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to add an item to the Agenda for a request to change the part-time position in Voters Registration to a full time position. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to change the Part-time position in Voters Registration to a full time position. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were adopted November 11, 2004

Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council